



## SEMPERVIRENS

Rooted in the practical life of the community which it aims to aid to an upward growth in strength, symmetry and beauty. Growing out of the quality of youth of all ages about which it hopes to organize the community as its true source, inspiration and hope.

You are of the Community  
By so much as you give to it out of your life something Sempervirens.

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### Grammar School Graduation

FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
JUNE 17,  
AT TWO O'CLOCK.

Pupils of The Grammar School will

present

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

A Musical Fantasy.

# COMMUNITY

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## RETROSPECT

OFTENTIMES the things that are most worth while are those that make the least noise.

During the past year our community has so quietly accomplished some fundamental things that we doubt if it fully senses or sufficiently appreciates, what itself has done in one short year. For this reason and because it is a heartening indication of what vision, co-operation and the taking advantage of opportunities, can accomplish; we offer this retrospect.

About a year ago a group of our folks—trustees of the local Boulder Creek school and the trustees of the Union High School district—met with Miss Cecil M. Davis, County Superintendent of schools, to vision and plan better things for our schools. The immediate object of the meeting was to consider the uniting of the two schools under one supervising principal. But back of this they had in mind a more distant goal of which this was a first step. They realized that however much might be attempted, however much might be spent on the schools; it would be virtually wasted unless the work of the children would seem to them a part, and a practical and interesting part of their lives. The building up then of a school community, that would catch up in a simple and natural manner the interest, and mould to happy usefulness the lives of the children; this was the vision, the long look ahead, of your representatives a year ago.

For the accomplishment of such a plan, a year is but a beginning, an introduction, so to speak, to its problems and its difficulties; and so it is with something akin to astonishment that we look back upon the progress of the last year. Despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles, so many things quietly worked out—just the right opportunities presented themselves, just the right persons offered their cooperation in loyal self sacrificing fashion, and the children themselves responded heartily.

Toward the goal the following are some of the things accomplished.

- 1 The uniting of the schools under one supervising head.
- 2 The successful launching of a community newspaper.
- 3 Consolidation with Bear Creek school district.
- 4 Acquisition by gift and subscription of a considerable addition to the school grounds.
- 5 Physical examinations to safeguard the physical well being of the children.
- 6 Development of three new departments—wood-work, art and printing.
- 7 Introduction of manual training and home economics into the Grammar School.
- 8 Renewed activity in athletics.
- 9 Establishment of a students book store.
- 10 Beginning of an open air theatre.
- 11 A year's training in cooperative visioning, cooperative planning, and in cooperative use of advantages and opportunities already at

hand, for the accomplishment of community purposes.

Merely to read unthinkingly, this catalogue of the names of the things done, is to sense none of the values. These all mean intimate human growths within the most vital part of our community. For instance, a little friendly talk with the children will very soon disclose the fact that the old dead line, as between two hostile camps, has vanished from between the two schools. In its place is a lively mutual interest that bids fair to weld the schools into our community. The most popular day at the Grammar School is that in which the children go to the High school manual training shop and domestic science. And do you not suppose that every child of both schools looks with different eyes upon a High School that bustles with the practically valuable activity of a community newspaper and job printing office? These are but stray indications by the way. Those who attended the recent school exhibit, with the eyes of the mind open, could not have failed to sense in the pride and pains taking care of each child to make himself or herself a part not of class merely, but of the community, the trend of progress toward a unified school community. The values of such an exhibit are proportional to the eagerness of participation and the permanence of its impressions. This working of the day-by-day tasks into a group effect in which each sees his or her own activities as a part of the self expression of the school community is a fitting close to the years work, and cannot help but be a high day long to be remembered, for it is of the essence of life itself, of adult as of child.

At the close of this year of dreaming, planning, doing; what more fitting symbol, significant alike of past cooperation as of future promise, than the delightful Luncheon served to the Trustees by the girls of the Domestic Science class? If one stops to think what the life really is for which the schools are supposed to fit the children, a new significance will attach to this happy expressing of themselves in a spontaneous community service.

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## THE PLAY'S THE THING

BOULDER CREEK UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Presents three refreshing playlets

Florist Shop

A Nice Quiet Chat

A Difference In Clocks

WHERE? FIREMEN'S HALL

WHEN? THURSDAY, JUNE 16

ADMISSION

ADULTS - .50  
CHILDREN - .35





